

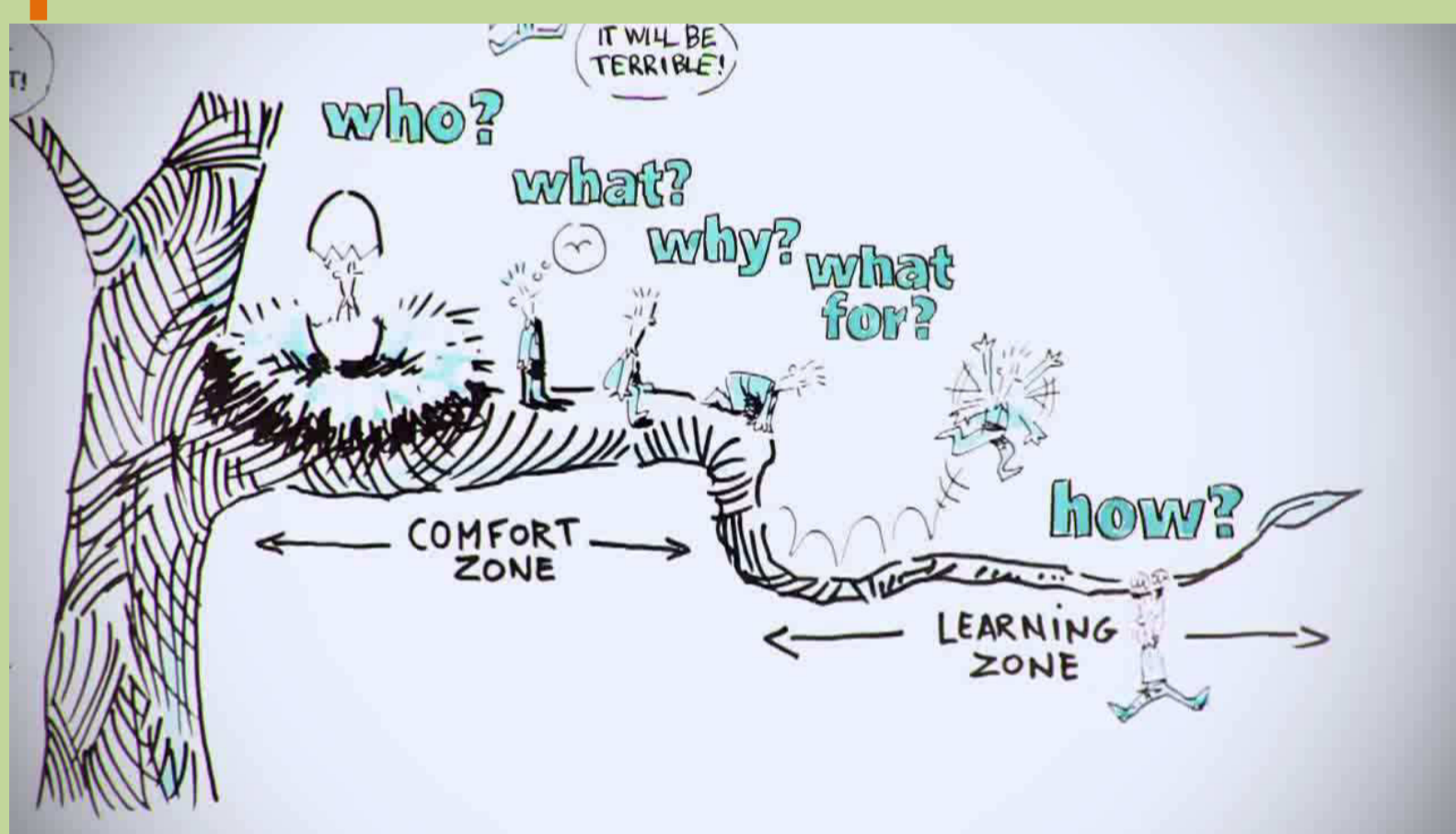
FUTURE PREP MINOR

The FUTURE PREP minor is an interdisciplinary program in which a selected group of students work on a complex and wicked challenge commissioned by a societal partner (business, governmental or NGO).

Unique Selling Points (at the end of the minor:)

- Students will be able to conceptualize a problem or question from a societal partner (client) and being able to capture its essence and convert it into a concrete deliverable
- Students are able to identify & address different issues at stake related to their project – depending on their background
- Students are able to work in complex, dynamic settings in which the information required is not always readily available or complete
- Students have understanding of professional roles and responsibilities and the dilemma's that come with that (situational awareness)
- Students have developed a range of transferable skills in relation to professional communication and interaction, which will be essential for their future careers

To work with a real societal partner on a real-life issue!



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Interdisciplinary minor available for all UvA senior bachelor students

BUSINESS STUDIES; HEALTH & LIFE SCIENCES; PHYSICS; INFORMATION STUDIES; PSYCHOLOGY; COMMUNICATION STUDIES; MATHEMATICS; ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES; LANGUAGE STUDIES; PHILOSOPHY; GAME STUDIES; ETC; ETC

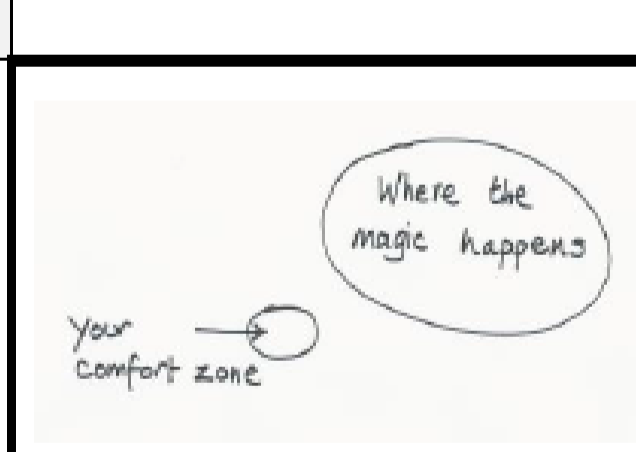


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Entry Requirements

- At least 90-120 ECTS
- 3rd year senior bachelor student

Curriculum // Program

	September	October	November	December	January
// Societal partners x Student groups	// Intro weekend excursion // Theatre // Sports	// Theatre // Sports	// Theatre // Sports	// Theatre // Sports	// Theatre // Sports
<i>// Different groups on 1 case and integrate perspectives</i>					
// Group work // Collaborate 2.0	// Group work plenary // Understanding group, skills // Work on planning // Define group OUTPUT // Choose group roles: chair, planner, secretary, etc.	// Individual groups working on their own // Buddy groups // Assisted when needed (Nov - Dec - Jan) // Rotate group roles		// Rotate group roles	
// Coaching // Reflection 2.0	// CLOSE support // Define personal learning goals themselves // Peer supervision	// Reflecting on ATTITUDE // Discover the project // Manage planning // Create scientific backbone // Arrange lectures // Peer supervision		// Peer supervision	// Focus on: process + reflection – less on: product // Peer supervision
// Soft skills // Didactic activities	// Presenting proposal (elevator pitching)		// Midterm presentations		// Final presentations
// Acquiring more in-depth interdisciplinary knowledge	// Scrumming // Presenting // Supervised fine-tuning question partner & possibilities students // Focus on 'professional' role & responsibilities students // Real-life situation // Wicked (problem) challenge // Dealing with uncertainty // Big questions → focus on change → focus on future (2050)	// All kinds of workshops and 21 st C. training: • Able to handle change (sports/theatre program) • Reflect on changes → different roles → different locations • Consider individual development; personal growth mindset • Interpersonal behavior, with fellow students and societal partner • FOCUSGROUP: analyze how what they are doing is embedded in society?? // Students arrange lectures and invite inspiring guest speakers		// Product / deliverables: • Prototype • Product • Paper • Rapport • Advice • Exposition	
// WEEK PROGRAM	MONDAY Monday morning meetings	TUESDAY Theatre	WEDNESDAY How to deal with pressure? Now & then MIDWEEK challenges → Wednesday a challenge → Friday afternoon solutions and drinks	THURSDAY	FRIDAY Friday afternoon drinks + discussion: Students give short TEDtalks (max 12 min) or present their challenge outcomes

MISSION STATEMENT

Widen your horizon. Be prepared for the future.

FUTURE PREP is an interdisciplinary learning experience that enables students to have a flexible and professional attitude towards a dynamic unknown future. A minor in which a diverse group of motivated students is educated to take an active part in both constituting and critically reflecting on our complex society in transition.

Providing a multifaceted real-life challenge (case) from a real company or societal organization requires students to become critical and open-minded professionals. The program supports them to be able to adapt and help steer (take part in steering) system changes, by following their own passions and interests while using their academic background, adaptive and creative skills. Above all the program supports the students to step out of their comfort zone.

Incorporating both their academic and a societal perspective, FUTURE PREP will be part of shaping society.